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Docket No.: 1500-000001/US/DVB



Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/939,170 filed on August 24, 2001 which is a divisional of 08/837,505 filed on April 18, 1997, which in turn was a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/DK96/00055 filed February 2, 1996, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,
by

NICOLAAS VAN DER BLOM

for

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1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	16-20 =		x 18 =	x 9 =
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =		x 84 =	x 42 =
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		TOTAL		375.00

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3. ☒ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 in the amount of . A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/939,170 filed on August 24, 2001 which is a divisional of 08/837,505 filed on April 18, 1997, which in turn was a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/DK96/00055 filed February 2, 1996, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference--
 - b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. , filed on and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/_/_ filed on _ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
6. ☒ Enclosed is/are fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

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- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. on . See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to NVB International.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). GB 9518558.3 and DK125/95 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on July 24, 2001.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. __ filed on __ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and __ Application No. __ filed in __ on __ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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13. ☐ An extension of time for ____ () month(s) until __ has been submitted in parent Application No. in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:

Nicolaas van der Blom

Serial No.: 08/837,505

Filed: April 18, 1997

Title:

Examiner: John Rivell
Group Art Unit: 3753

Date of Notice of
Allowance: 5/24/01

July 24, 2001

Irvine, California 92614

TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Box Issue Fee
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 24, 2001, attached are certified copies of the priority documents, GB 9518558.3 and DK125/95 for the above-identified patent application.

If there are any questions with regard to this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Issue Fee, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on July 24, 2001, by Candy Neu



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I hereby confirm that this is a complete and accurate translation of the
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June 14, 2001

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